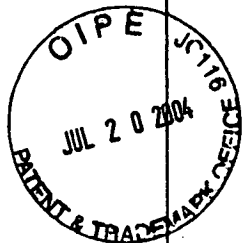


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 1 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended)

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1. A fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker comprising:
  - A. a hollow body having an interior space,
    - I. the hollow body being sized and shaped to completely engulf a fire hydrant.
    - II. the hollow body having hand purchase areas.
    - III. the hollow body having a bottom portion, a middle portion and a cap portion,
      - a. the bottom portion having an opening for accessing the interior space,
      - b. the bottom portion having bottom portion diameter
      - c. the cap portion being hemispherical in shape.
      - d. the cap portion having cap portion diameter,
        - i. the cap portion diameter being greater than the bottom portion diameter.
2. A fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - A. the bottom portion and middle portion being cylindrical in shape.
- ~~3. A fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker according to claim 1, further comprising:~~
  - ~~A. the cap portion being hemispherical in shape.~~
- ~~4. A fire hydrant protective cover and visibility marker according to claim 3, further comprising:~~